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Cc: Adam Smith[Smith@lpcattorney.org]; Sheryl Rogers[Rogers@lpcattorney.org]
From: Joe Kerby
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 6:40:33 PM
Subject: Fwd: Split samples / need your help.

Martin,

Per our conversation please see below. If you need more info let me know. As you know this split sampling is very important to the County and we need your assistance in making sure we can get the cooperation of your staff in expediting and implementing this. If you need any assistance from me please let me know. Thanks

Joe

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From: Adam Smith <smith@lpcattorney.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 11:40:08 AM MDT
To: Sheryl Rogers <rogers@lpcattorney.org>, Joe Kerby <Joe.Kerby@co.laplata.co.us>
Subject: RE: Split samples / need your help.

Joe,

Leslie reported that she is working with "Ryan" for surface water samples and "Kelsey" for sediment samples. It sounds like both Ryan and Kelsey are trying to be helpful, but there is someone else at a higher level directing Ryan and Kelsey in a manner that is preventing full coordination with the County's team. Leslie just texted me that the EPA seems more interested accommodating split samples with the Southern Ute team. Bottom line, technical folks working for all three entities need to functionally work together to ensure we get split samples of both surface water and sediment.

-Adam

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From: Adam Smith

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:32 AM

To: Sheryl Rogers <rogers@lpcattorney.org>; Joe Kerby <Joe.Kerby@co.laplata.co.us>

Subject: Split samples / need your help.

Leslie just called. She is getting the run-around from the EPA sampling team and it is making getting split samples hard. I can't tell if the problem is EPA disorganization or resistance, but they are certainly not working with us to get it figured out. My contact with the SUIT reported similar frustration yesterday.

Will you please push back on Martin and get a top-down directive that EPA's sampling team coordinate and plan accordingly with our field team (ie Leslie and Pete Foster's intern). We can grow our team within reason to match EPA's efforts. But, we need cooperation.

Thanks for the help

Adam

Ps. Leslie also reported concern with how EPA is testing relating to not following best practices.

Sent from my iPhone